PTMS DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION CASE ABSTRACT

CASE TITLE: EARTH FIRST
CASE NUMBER: 127-675-0000336 **DATE ESTABLISHED:** 06/06/1990
CASE STATUS: Closed

DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Organization Name: Earth First
Splintered From:
HQ Location:
City: **State:** Arizona
Country: **District:** Tucson RO
☒ **Non-Violent Disruptions** ☒ **Violent Activity** ☒ **Weapons**
Other Districts
Remarks

Organizational Aliases
Splinter Factions

DIRECTION OF INTERESTS

KEY TERMS

Selected Keyterms **Date**

ADDITIONAL KEY TERMS

COUNTRIES CONCERNED

KEY TERMS

Selected Keyterms **Date**
Selected Keyterms **Date**

CROSS REFERENCES

Cross Reference Type	Number	Title/Name	Status
Case to Case	127-674-0070873	CLINTON WILLIAM, PORTLAND, Oregon	Closed
Case to Case	127-675-0000451	RUCKUS SOCIETY	Closed
Case to Case	127-673-0006660	DEMONSTRATION	Closed
Case to Case	127-673-0064646	DEMONSTRATION	Closed
Case to Case	127-673-0006405	DEMONSTRATION	Closed
Case to Case	127-673-0010806	DEMONSTRATION	Closed
Case to Case	127-672-0021504	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	Closed
Case to Case	127-675-0000405	CASCADIA ALIVE	Closed
Case to Case	127-675-0000415	Earth Liberation Front / Animal Liberation Front Los Angeles United States	Closed

OTHER USSS REFERENCES

ATTACHMENTS

ORIGIN AND OBJECTIVES

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Earth First was founded in Tucson, AZ, in 1981, to inspire others to carry out "monkeywrenching" activities to slow or disable man and machine's "rape of the earth," as they see it. It was also reported the group was formed in the Willamette Valley area of Oregon in the late 1970s. The group was militant and uncompromising whose philosophy was based on the ideal that an effort must be made to reduce the profit of private corporation and the government in order to save the environment. Members also protested the new timber sales in the northwest. Founded by Dave Foreman, Howie Wolkie and Mike Roselle, they claim to be law abiding and considered themselves to

be a movement rather than an organization. They advised that they did not support or condone illegal or violent activities and ran a disclaimer in their newsletter which stated, "what an individual does autonomously was his or her own business".

Membership and Area of Operations

Earth First claimed approximately 10,000 people received their newsletter; however, it was believed they have about 50 members. Membership for the group in Oregon was divided in two areas of the state with exact numbers unknown. The group located in the southern part of the state was known to be more militant than the Portland group. Group activity noted in San Diego, CA; Oakland, CA; Denver, CO; Tucson, AZ; Phoenix, AZ; Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Washington, and Eugene, OR. The group produced a publication called "Earth First Journal."

CASE SUMMARY

Active since 1981, Earth First had been known to use monkeywrenching tactics in order to save the environment. Members had been involved in tree spiking with metal and ceramic spikes which has caused harm to loggers and sawmill workers. Group members also dumped cow manure on a bureaucrat's desk. There were numerous incidents in which members poured sand into crank cases of earth movers and bulldozers at development sites. Members chained themselves to a fence at corporate offices of developers and rounded up cattle to move them to private land for grazing.

Earth First was also known for cutting power lines and blowing up power stations to disrupt development companies. Some of their activities have moved from non-violent to violent activities causing personal injury. Members also attacked forest service personnel with knives and clubs for herbicide spraying.

In May 1983, the group held a demonstration at Lake Powell, AZ, to protest the policies of then Secretary of Interior, James Watts. There were about 70 demonstrators at this event which was a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of Glen Canyon Dam. There were no arrests or civil disobedience at this ceremony, but Secretary Watts received a death threat prior to the event which was believed to have come from one of the protestors.

In March 1985, Dave Foreman (Subject #2) published a book called "Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkeywrenching." This book was a guide in techniques on industrial sabotage, tree spiking, pole cutting and arson. In August 1985, an umbrella group known as "Grand Canyon Under Siege" was formed under the leadership of Mary Sojourner of Flagstaff, AZ. They sponsored several demonstrations which have included acts of civil disobedience resulting in arrests. In addition, several acts of criminal damage have occurred relating to environmental equipment and trucks used in building road for logging operations. Also, ski lifts at the Arizona Snow Bowl were damaged twice by suspected members of Earth First.

in January 1988, Phoenix FO and the FBI initiated an investigation which targeted several members of Earth First who were suspected of sabotage. It was noted that the FBI was not investigating Earth First as a group, but rather individuals who claimed to be members of the group. There also seemed to be a loose coalition between Earth First, Green Peace and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF).

In May 1990, an explosive device detonated in a vehicle in Oakland, ca, which was occupied by Judith Bari (Subject #3) and (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) members of this group. Both victims claimed the bomb was planted. They had been residing at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) during search of house a backpack was discovered which belonged to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) A notebook was found in the backpack which contained innocuous writings concerning demonstrations and sending letters to congressmen. Also found was an ID for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) which was considered to be another identity for (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(D) stated the group was planning some "outrageous event" which scared a lot of its members. (b)(7)(D) thought it would be the bombing of a power transformer in Santa Cruz, CA.

Investigation revealed authorities believed Bari (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) prepared the device and prematurely detonated it during transportation. They were charged with possession and transportation of an illegal device. Authorities believed this bomb incident was related to a device which malfunctioned in May 1990 at the Louisiana Lumbermill, Cloverdale, CA. The components of both devices were similar in construction. A week later, a letter was sent a Santa Rosa newspaper from "Lord Avenger" which claimed responsibility for the two bombings in May 1990. Based on details in the letter, the (b)(7)(D) opined it was written by someone associated with the two incidents and written to be used as a potential defense for Bari (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

its methods and allegedly disassociated himself from the group. The FBI did not believe Forman would ever completely separate himself from the group. Also that Earth First, as an organization, was in a state of disarray due to the upcoming criminal trials and the explosion in San Francisco. Case Closed.

In December 1993, Phoenix FO advised the group had been active in the Tucson, AZ, area where they had been protesting the building of a telescope on Mount Graham by the University of Arizona. Earth First had been involved in civil disobedience such as demonstrations and trespassing, but no criminal activity. It was also advised the group had its annual gathering during the last week of June 1993 at Mount Graham in protest of the telescope.

In August 1996, Darren Todd Thurston, main suspect in mail bomb campaign in Canada, was placed under surveillance during his visit to San Diego, CA, at the time of the RNC. Thurston was known to have a long time connection with Earth First. (See 672-20198 for further details).

In September 1996, Portland RO advised 50 projectiles (7mm bullets without casings) were found outside the magnetometers at a Clinton/Gore rally at Lownsale/Chapman Park in Portland. It was reported that an unknown female approached a Uniformed Division Officer and presented him a bullet that she claimed to have found near the magnetometers. She said there were approximately 50 additional bullets where she found the initial bullet. A search of that area did not reveal any additional bullets.

Information received indicated the group was possibly trying to infiltrate the rally with slingshots (wrist rockets); however, nothing was observed in the possession of any demonstrator. It was noted that care should be taken to closely screen members of this group who may appear at a protectee site. These slingshots may be made of aluminum or fiberglass so extra screening may be required.

According to the Portland PD, 50 to 100 group members demonstrated at the rally. They were divided into two groups in different areas and displayed cloth banners protesting the cutting of trees in the northwest. There were no incidents of violence and the demonstration was described as passive in nature (673-10806). Members of this group have referred to President Clinton as an "eco-thug" due to his signing a "salvage rider" bill which made logging legal in certain areas in order to get rid of diseased or damaged trees. This group felt this bill allowed timber companies to enter virgin forest areas for the purpose of this logging which they believe was destroying the ecosystem.
Case Closed, 10-04-96.

In July 1999, FBI Atlanta reported that an IED was placed in the cab of a track-hoe at a new construction site in Cobb County, GA. The IED was comprised of a glass bottle containing gas with a model rocket motor wrapped in aluminum duct tape and inserted into the neck of the bottle. The device was rendered safe. The investigation revealed at least two individuals entered the construction site and wrote in black spray paint "Earth First" six times on various items.

In July 2005, the FBI reported the Earth First journal asked its subscribers for money as the publication was near insolvency. Earth First admitted to affiliation with numerous subgroups across the country using the Earth First name and affiliation with ELF (675-415).

CASE MANAGEMENT

Case Mgt:	00001				
CFO:	Phoenix	**Origination:**	Other		
Evidence:	☐	**Region\Desk:**	Region 4	**Branch:**	FAB
Inv. Opened:		**Inv. Closed:**		**Re-Referred:**	
Case Agent:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	**Date Assigned To Case Agent:**			
First PIRS					
Name:	FROM MIGRATION UNKNOWN			**Approved On:**	
Second PIRS					
Name:				**Approved On:**	
SA					
Name:	Agent Approved			**Approved On:**	06/09/2012
Remarks:					

TICKLERS

127-675-0000336-3 SUBJECT DESCRIPTION

Subject Number: 127-675-0000336-3
Subject Name: BARI JUDITH BEATRICE
PIC: SU Subject

SIC

SIC Code	SIC Description	SIC Date

CAUTIONS

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTORS

Sex: Female
Race: White
Height: 5 ft 00 in
Weight: 110 lbs
Eyes: Brown
Hair Color: Brown

IDENTIFIERS

DOB: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
SSN:
Citizenship:
POB City:
POB State:
POB Country:
DL Number: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
DL State: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
FBI Number:

ADDITIONAL NUMBERS

Type	Number	State	Country	False Description

ALERTS

☐ Caution ☐ Special Instructions ☐ Weapons

Last In-Person Interview:
Remarks:
MBR EARTH FIRST MOVEMENT (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

ADDRESSES

ALIASES

Type	Alias	Platforms	Platform - Other
Name	BARI JUDY		

DIRECTION OF INTERESTS

PHOTO BULLETIN COUNTRIES

Country

CONTACTS

Contact Date	Office	Location	Outcome

KEYTERMS

Selected Keyterms	Date

SUBJECT SPECIFIC KEYTERMS

JUDICIAL ACTIONS

CROSS REFERENCES

Cross Reference Type	Number	Title/Name	Status

OTHER USSS REFERENCES

OTHER DESCRIPTORS

Type	Descriptor	Description

VEHICLES

WEAPONS

Type Of Weapon

SPECIAL SKILLS/TRAININGS

Skills/Training

WEAPON ACCESS AND REMARKS

Weapon Access

Remarks:

PIC HISTORY

PIC	Previous Pic Date

ATTACHMENTS

PICAP

PHOTO BULLETIN DETAILS UPDATED:

PHOTO BULLETIN DISTRICTS

District

SUBJECT SUMMARY

SUBJECT CRIMINAL HISTORY

☐ **Is Violent**

Criminal History

SUBJECT MENTAL HISTORY